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In re patent application of:

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Title: DEVICE AND A PROCESS FOR THE ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 24, 1997, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claim 69 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rewrite the following.

62. (Amended) A process for the isolation and purification of nucleic acids [, in particular, plasmid or genomic DNA,] from cells comprising, in two separation/purification stages, the steps of: